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RE: Site Name: Verizon Wireless - Eligible Facility Request
Site Address: 20 Indian Path
Site Number: 857736/452038

Dear Planning Dept.;

Verizon Wireless is an existing wireless provider located on the cell tower at 20 Indian Path and proposes to remove nine (9) antennas, replace (6) antennas, add six (6) RRH's (non-antenna), and one (1) Hybrid Cable to their existing equipment on the tower.

Please refer to sheets A-1 & A-2 of the CD's for detail

All work will be completed within the existing tower compound and on the tower only for the Verizon Wireless antenna modification.

As you know, on February 22, 2012, Congress enacted the "collocation-by-right" (Section 6409(a)), which mandates that state and local governments approve any "Eligible Facilities Request".

Under Section 6409(a)(2)(A)-(C), an "Eligible Facilities Request" is any request to modify a Tower or Base Station that involves "collocations of new Transmission Equipment," "removal," or "replacement" of Transmission Equipment. Six criteria have been outlined in the FCC Report and Order captioned, In re: Acceleration of Broadband Development by Improving Wireless Facilities Siting Policies (October 17, 2014) Finals Rule codified at 47 CFR Parts 1 and 17 promulgating regulations interpreting and implementing the provisions of the Spectrum Act. The Regulations determined that any modification to an existing Tower that meets the criteria as set forth below, does not substantially change the physical dimensions of the existing Tower and an Eligible Facilities Request must be granted.

1. The modifications do not increase the height of the Tower by twenty feet or ten percent, whichever is greater. We are within criteria of the mandate as the existing tower will not be increased.

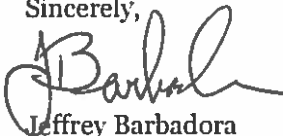
2. The modifications to the Transmission Equipment do not protrude from the edge of the Tower by twenty feet or more than the width of the Tower (whichever is greater), at the level where the transmission equipment modifications are made;
3. The modifications to the Transmission Equipment do not involve the installation of more than standard number of equipment cabinets for the technology involved, not to exceed four;
4. The modifications to the transmission Equipment do not entail any excavation or deployment outside of the Tower site;
5. The modifications to the Transmission Equipment do not defeat any existing concealment elements of the Tower;
6. The modifications to the Transmission Equipment comply with prior conditions of approval of the Tower, unless the non-compliance is due to an increase in height, increase in width, addition of equipment cabinets, or new excavation that does not exceed the corresponding "substantial change" threshold in numbers 1-4.

The proposed modification complies with all federal, state, and local zoning and permitting requirements as is evidenced by the drawing provided on pages A-1 & A-2. The proposed scope of work will not increase the tower's height or width. The modification will not require excavation outside the tower site. Lastly, the installation does not involve more than the standard number of equipment cabinets.

It is our expectation that this application will be processed without any further delay and in a manner consistent with the newly enacted federal legislation. Thank you in advance for your anticipated cooperation

Please do not hesitate to contact me at the number below if you have any questions or require anything additional.

Sincerely,



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